

## House Resolution 1171

By: Representatives Parrish of the 156<sup>th</sup>, Lord of the 142<sup>nd</sup>, and Morris of the 155<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Emanuel County Institute Bulldogs for their 2007 Class A Georgia High  
2 School Association State Championship and inviting them to appear before the House of  
3 Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, for the Emanuel County Institute Bulldogs, 2007 was a dream season that will  
5 forever live on in ECI lore; and

6 WHEREAS, a week after defeating Clinch County in the Georgia Dome in workmanlike  
7 fashion, the Bulldogs traveled to Cordele to play the Wilcox County Patriots for the Class A  
8 Georgia High School Association State Championship; and

9 WHEREAS, before a crowd of nearly 10,000 fans, the Bulldogs continued their season-long  
10 pattern of dominance by besting the Patriots 41-21; and

11 WHEREAS, Emanuel County's victory over Wilcox County secured them their first state  
12 championship and capped off a perfect season of 15-0; and

13 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs' success in 2007 began with Head Coach Milan Turner and his  
14 staff, Chad Simmons, Chris Kearson, Bill Bonds, Ron Flott, Dewayne Tabor, Chad Harper,  
15 Brooks Collins, Artie Fields, and Sean Patrick; and

16 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs seniors, LaCollie Gordon, Dontae Richards, Wes Wammock, Pat  
17 Branch, Valentay Williams, Nikk Cross, Sanquez Lee, Anson Walden, Vinson Andrews, and  
18 Chad Turner, were team leaders both on and off the field and instrumental to Emanuel  
19 County's perfect season; and

20 WHEREAS, the rest of the Bulldogs team were made up of juniors Arkeem Tarver, Washaun  
21 Ealey, Dexter Moody, Remond Sanford, Mark Flott, J.C. Lanier, and Cody Todd;  
22 sophomores Chris Shephard, Brooks Kirkland, Michael Robertson, Will Hinson, Chris

1 Branch, Corey Ellison, Robert Newkirt, Chris Gordon, Clifford Milton, Dakota Edenfield,  
2 Jeremy Reid, Nathan Turner, and Logan Oglesby; and freshmen Chris Lovett, Randall  
3 Carlyle, Brandon Hughes, Devon McCullough, Tyrone Johnson, Matt McReynolds, Wesley  
4 Jordan, Dylan Turner, Tyler Bates, Chad Howell, Cody Burnett, Justin Moxley, Richard  
5 Sapp, Ben Brown, Matthew Bates, and Jerry Stokes; and

6 WHEREAS, while the 2007 season was a product of a complete team effort, the seasons of  
7 two juniors, Washaun Ealey, who rushed for 2,982 yards and 58 touchdowns (breaking the  
8 state record for rushing touchdowns) and was named the *Atlanta Journal Constitution's* All  
9 Class High School Football Player of the Year, and Dexter Moody, 79 tackles, ten sacks, and  
10 eight touchdowns receiving and punt returning, should be recognized for their contribution  
11 to the Bulldogs' success; and

12 WHEREAS, Ealey and Moody recently capped off a their special season by verbally  
13 committing to University of Georgia's 2009 recruiting class, where they will continue to be  
14 Bulldogs and carry on the hallowed tradition of great running backs and defensive players  
15 to play between the hedges.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
17 the members of this body congratulate the Emanuel County Institute Bulldogs for capping  
18 off their historic 2007, 15-0 season with their first Georgia High School Association Class A  
19 State Championship and invite them to appear before this body on a date and time designated  
20 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
22 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Emanuel County Institute.